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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, or simply
3 pulmonary fibrosis, is a serious disorder that creates scarring
4 in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing
5 progressive, incurable lung disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often
7 causing limited quality of life, disability, and death within a
8 few short years; and

9 WHEREAS, In many cases, there is no identified cause of
10 pulmonary fibrosis and approximately 200,000 people in the
11 United States are estimated to be affected by the disease; and

12 WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and
13 under-diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase
14 wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible
15 disorder; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation will unify
17 patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the general
18 public, by sharing and providing the latest information and
19 advancements alongside all of the work still to be done within
20 the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and

1 WHEREAS, Established in 2000, the Pulmonary Fibrosis
2 Foundation is a nonprofit organization that maintains a global
3 mission to serve as the trusted resource for the pulmonary
4 fibrosis community by raising awareness, providing disease
5 education, and funding research; the Foundation works
6 diligently to foster conversations and collaboration between
7 everyone affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those
8 living with the disease, the medical and research community,
9 and the pharmaceutical industry; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September of
12 2015 as Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Month in the State of
13 Illinois to increase awareness of this disease and encourage
14 research into new treatments; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation as a symbol of
17 our respect and esteem.